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SENATOR GORMAN is going to visit the grave of his grandfather in Ireland. Is this meant as a counter-play to Roosevelt's Note-corralling tour over the West?

ITALY still continues in the hinterland of education. The last census shows that from 85 to 90 per cent. of the people in the south of Italy can neither read nor

Could anything be more ridiculous than the talk of a republic for Servia, a country where when they want to change the administration they resort to cold-blooded

THE sheriff of Kings County, N. Y., is named Melody, but his bars are of iron. his time 30 days or more, his keys of the for a dead march.

to the men who brutally murdered the tion of a Republic for such a people!

It is no little gratification that no veteran has been touched by any exposures in the Post Office Department. All the men implicated are civilians, who have been quite sure that the "old soldier business was played out."

An excellent proposition has been made that the labor Unions use their strike funds to buy stock in the establishments for which they work. In this way, even if they don't get a controlling interest, they will have at least a voice in the

THE Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas adopted strong resolutions calling for more liberality in the administration of the pension laws, and that "all technical, medical sophistries and perversions to prevent the allowances of rlaims be stopped."

France has now considered a novel Income tax to take the place of the present door and window tax. It will be levfed upon each man "according to his position in society, and the outward signs of his prosperity." If such a thing were ride in the street cars.

pany, to whom Beauregard sent the orvalue, and appointed him Postmaster of

THE Colombian Republic has received the first touch of President Roosevelt's strenuousity. The Government of that Republic has been distinctly informed that no more than the original price agreed upon, \$10,000,000, will be paid, and that the President does not think it is at liberty to reject the treaty, thus putting a new phase upon the matter, and one that must give the Colombians pause. They will naturally inquire what we are going to do about it, and the result of the inquiry cannot help being that when the United States sets about doing anything It is pretty sure to find some way of accomplishing its purpose. Let them prayerfully consider this fact a while, and it will probably result in a change of heart.

WE TAKE special pleasure in announcing the election of Comrade A. W. Smith, of Groveland, Kan., as Commander of the Department of Kansas. It is a choice that will be of the greatest benefit to the Department. Comrade Smith, who served through the war in the 19th U. S., and was a prisoner at Andersonville, has long been one of the most prominent men in Kansas. He represented McPherson County in the Kansas Legislature as long as he would consent to serve, and was for several years Speaker of the House. He has always been very popular and was a candidate for Governor, but went down under the Populistic wave. He is a big man, mentally and physically, with a splendid war record and is an enthusiastic comrade.

MASSACHUSETTS leads all other States in her care for her veterans. She has been more liberal than any other in her iners and the result is that the Governallowances, and has one of the finest homes in the world at Chelsea. She recently authorized the awarding of handsponded to President Lincoln's first call and justice is often delayed and s for troops, and a great deal of trouble has been taken by the Adjutant-General to find cut those men or their heirs and see that they got the medal. Each medal has the recipient's name and regiment and date of service engraved upon the edge. Last week one was shipped to Peru, Last week one was shipped to Peru, bells and drag it along for years."

and the loss of evidence.

"Good, effective, speedy, professional work from good and competent attorneys can be and regiment and it would look as if it was perfectly fair to the pensioner to let him hire and pay for the work and get it done soon, instead of letting the Government pay the bills and drag it along for years." where a Massachusetts veteran had taken up his home. There are still 2,535 that await a claimant. The State has laws exempting disabled veterans from taxation, and a veteran may obtain a pedler's license for the asking. The State has license for the asking. The State has but when the gradient of claims, and piling the adjudication of claims, and piling railroads, and wonderfully capable as this system was it had all that it could do to handle the crowds. There does not seem now any way that St. Louis could provide the railroad facilities. exempting disabled veterans from taxa-

DEATH OF GEN. McCOOK.

tle group of Corps Commanders has died. Gen. Alexander McDowell McCook, U. S. Army, retired, expired from a third stroke of paralysis at the home of his daughter at Dayton, Ohio, June 12. He was born in Columbiana Co., O., in 1831. of a family which furnished more notable fighting men to the army of the Union than any other in the country. The ancestor of the family was George Mc-Cook, a Scotch-Irishman, who became involved in the Rebellion of 1798, and fled to the United States. His son Daniel, born in 1798, was 63 years of age when the war broke out, but he offered his services to the Government, received a commission as Major, and was killed in one

of the fights of the Morgan Raid. His other sons were Latimer A. George W., John James (a Naval Cadet who died in 1842). Robert Latimer, Daniel, jr., Edwin S., Charles M., and Daniel, had five sons, all of whom entered the Union army: Edwin M., Anson G., Henry C., Rhoderick S., and John James, making all together 16 McCooks who served the Government.

Gen. Alexander McD. McCook graduated from West Point in 1852, No. 30 in class of which Thomas Lincoln Casey was the head, and Gens. Slocum, Stanley. Hascall, Hartsuff, Chas. R. Woods A. V. Kautz, Geo. Crook and J. P. Hawkins were members. He was commissioned in the 3d U. S., saw a good deal of service against the Western Indians, and had risen to the rank of First Lieutenant at the outbreak of the war. He was one of the few Regular officers allowed at that time to accept volunteer commissions, and was put by the Governor of Ohio in command of the 1st Ohio, with which he was engaged at Vienna, Va., and Bull Run. He was appointed Brigadier-General of Volunteers Sept. 3, 1861, and com-Yale variety, and when he strings up it is manded a division in the Army of the Ohio in the movement on Nashville and at Shiloh and the advance upon Corinth, THE first act of the Servian Skuptsh- receiving a brevet of Colonel in the Regu-Ina was to pass a resolution of thanks lar Army for Shiloh. He was commissioned Major-General of Volunteers July King and Queen. Think of the sugges- 17, 1862, and placed in command of the First Corps, Army of the Ohio, with which he fought the battle of Perryville. At that time there was much dissatisfaction with Gen. Buell's operations, and young McCook was thought to be the most likely to succeed him.

of the Ohio as the Army of the Cumberland by Gen. Rosecrans, McCook was where he did not give satisfaction, as it was complained that he had not exercised proper vigilance and allowed him-

Again the authorities were dissatisfied and upon the reorganization of the army vices during the war.

Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, where the other members of the McCook family are buried.

RESTRICTION OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE. We have received the following from the Chairman of the Senate Committee on

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: My atention has been called to a recent lengthy article in your paper, which severely criti-cized Congress for legislating so as to pre-vent old soldiers from employing and paying for assistance in prosecuting their pen-sion claims. A lengthy interview with Commissioner Ware was made a part of the article, from which the following is an

extract: There is another phase of it as applied to the Government. Being prohibited from obtaining assistance under certain bene ficial laws and paying for it, a very great number of old soldiers make their own applications, or through unprofessional friends whom from time to time they induce to write letters. This throws into Bureau a great quantity of informal, poor-ly-arranged and irrelevant stuff. This all has to be ironed out and got into shape through repeated and almost everlasting correspondence carried on by high-priced clerks at great expense to the Government, through months and years. The work is arduous, difficult and exasperating to the old soldier to whom long letters explanatory of facts and explanatory of law have to be written, which are in a multitude of cases entirely misunderstood or misconstrued; and claims for pension run along until both clerks and applicants are wear-

ied, and often without results.
"This piles up work on Special Examment, by depriving the soldier of assist-ance and preventing the soldier from paying for good professional service and ad some bronze medals to all those who redefeated by the tiring out of the applicants

soldiers from employing attorneys in the on Beacon Hill, and G. A. R. Posts do tion, if any such law exists. It strikes more than a tithe of the railroad facilities not have to pay taxes on their property. me that the Commissioner of Pensions has to the crowds that Chicago had.

made a discovery that has escaped the at-tention of everybody else but himself. Respectfully yours, W. H. Gallinger. Another one of the fast-diminishing lit-

The attention of Senator Gallinger is called to the following acts in which agents and attorneys are not allowed to re

ceive fees or compensation. 1. Act of March 3, 1901-amending Sec tion 4708 Revised Statutes in relation to pensions to remarried widows.

2. Act of Feb. 28, 1903—amending the act of March 3, 1901. (Public No. 124.)

3. Section 4711 Revised Statutes and the act of Jan. 25, 1879, granting arrears

4. Act of March 19, 1896-granting in crease to widows and dependent relatives. 5. Act of Aug. 5, 1892—granting pen-

5. Act of Aug. 5, 1892—granting pension to Army Nurses.

THE ENID IMPOSTOR.

This is the "silly Summer season," and almost any old story will go, which must account for the extraordinary attention given to the alleged death-bed confession of the Enid (Okla.) suicide that he was really John Wilkes Booth, the murderer is on the side of the parade ground. Business of great importance."

"What is gnawing at you now, Yawman "We all like to hear it spots. Never expected you'd have. Fools and their money soon parted, but not as soon as that, Going to make another including the ring's all right," answered Monty was the least inclined for guard and fatigue duty, are hereby notified to assemble at once in a mass meeting under that big live-oak to hew the shaft and lay the architage on the was afraid I was looking all fagged out and run down."

Si's reply was to tighten his arm around her waist.

Just as deep and rich was the peace and content of the other two.

"Maria," said Shorty, lifting up a lock of the fine, sun-tinted hair with a tender diffidence as if it were a butterfly's wing that his rough fingers might rend, "pinch me, stick a pin into me, Do something for make any of the grows were God's first temples

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"Was afraid I months after the death of his brother of the same. Alexander McDowell of Abraham Lincoln. Why any man should be so morbid as to crave such notoriety passes the comprehension, except of the Hon. Henry Joslyn, Treasurer of the Company and the com was the fifth son. This was the "tribe of should be so morbid as to crave such no of the Hon. Henry Joslyn, Treasurer of the Hon. Henry Joslyn, Treasurer of that all things are possible to diseased two such rings. Committee reports great any criminal case is much better connected "What is it, anyhow, Yawman?" Cemetery, Baltimore, Immediately after shooting the President and breaking one of the bones of his leg by his leap to the of his. stage, Booth galloped for 30 miles into Maryland, stopping on the way at Surservices of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, who dressed his hurt rather clumsily, and set the bone with an insufficient splint. For seven days he was kept concealed in the neighborhood, until the pursuit after him grew too hot, when he and Herold made their way across the Potomac and to Fort Conway, on the Rappahannock, where they were ferried across to Port Royal. Three miles further they stopped at the farm of Richard Henry Garrett, who put them in his tobacco house, a hundred yards or so from his residence. On the way they had fallen in with three officers of Mosby's command, who were going home, but who parted with them at Garrett's farm. Booth and Herold had been revealing who they were to the people of the country through which they passed. One of the Mosby men, Capt. Jett, went on to Bowling Green to see the daughter of Mr. Garland, whom he was courting. Upon the reorganization of the Army Twenty-six men of the 16th N. Y. Cav., under the command of E. F. Douherty. and led by Col. Conger, of Ohio, and Lieut. placed in command of the "Right Wing Baker, went on the trail of the fugitives. of the Fourteenth Corps," and as such passed by them at the Garrett farm, went fought in the battle of Stone River, on to Bowling Green, roused Capt, Jett out of bed and terribly frightened him, when he agreed to pliot them back to where Booth and Herold were. After a 13-mile ride they reached Garret farm at self to be attacked unawares on that 13-mile ride they reached Garret farm at bloody Dec. 31, 1862. He was continued 2 o'clock in the morning of April 26. in command when the designation of his waked up Mr. Garrett, who at first detroops was changed to the Twentieth nied all knowledge of the presence of the Corps, and led it in the advance on Tulla- criminals, but, urged by his son, revealed homa and in the battle of Chickamauga. that they were sleeping in the tobacco house, which was immediately surrounded with his management of his command, on three sides by the soldiers, and Booth hailed. An excited dialogue took place under Gen. Thomas his and Crittenden's between him and Col. Conger and Lieut. Corps were consolidated into the Fourth Baker, the officers demanding his surren-Corps and he and Crittenden relieved. He der, and Booth wanting them to draw off was briefly employed in command of their men and give him a fair fight. They troops at the time of the Early raid, and told him they had not come to fight him, in February, 1865, was assigned to the but to take him, which they proposed to tried in this country what a how it would faise. The most of the tax would be paid by a few very vain men and women; while our rich men would go in rags and was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the District of Eastern do. Herold surrendered and came out, and that I am not sick."

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Plopper who was gain that tried in this country what a howl it would command of the District of Eastern do. Herold surrendered and came out. the 26th U. S. in 1867. From 1875 to the tobacco house, which contained some Dec. 15, 1880, he served as Colonel on fodder and hay, lying on top of some fur-A HEAVY responsibility rested upon the Staff of Gen. W. T. Sherman, then niture. The flames shot up and revealed Maj. W. H. Gibbes, who died June 12 became Colonel of the 6th U. S., and com- Booth leaning on his crutch with his carat his home in Columbia, S. C. It is manded the Army School at Fort Leaven- bine raised, whereupon Boston Corbett shot claimed for him that he fired the first worth, Kan.; was promoted to Brigadier- him with his revolver, the bullet taking shot at Fort Sumter. He was then a General in 1890, to Major-General in effect in the spinal cord, somewhat lower gunner in Capt. George James's com- 1894, and was retired for age April 22, down than where he shot the President. 1805. He represented the United States After lingering two hours and a half, der to open fire on Maj. Anderson. Preside the Coronation of the Czar of Russia in Booth died. The body was brought to dent Cleveland recognized his historical 1896, and was a member of the Commis- Washington, placed on the monitor Mon-1896, and was a member of the Commission appointed by President McKinley to investigate the War Department during the war with Spain. He received brevets for Bull Run, Nashville, Shiloh, Perryville, and for gallant and meritorious serfor Bull Run, Nashville, Shiloh, Perryville, and for gallant and meritorious services during the war.

The remains were interred at Spring

The whole regiment was soon on the ground, and later all of the prigade, who ground, and later all of the prigade was price in the world for the wedding. We can put there a stand while the doctor was still looking at his tongue and feeling his pulse. pricked in India ink on his arm. The help pleasing everybody. It is going to were not on guard or in the guard-house clothing contained Booth's diary, in which take a great deal of work to fit this place Everybody was eager to do something, he explained why he had killed the Presi-

> man testimony must be very weak and unreliable. ONE of the good comrades who labored hard and well to put the G. A. R. upon its magnificent footing has passed away. Gen. Isaac S. Bangs died at his home, in Waterville, Me., May 31. He was born in Maine in 1831, and entered the service as Captain of the 20th Me., in which he served until promoted to Lieutenantthe hopper at Washington in the Pension Colonel of the S1st U. S. C. T. He was later promoted to Colonel of the 10th U. S. H. A., colored, and was breveted Brigadier-General. He was a charter member of Post 14. Waterville, Me., held a number of positions in the G. A. R., was elect Commander of Maine, and in 1883 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He worked hard and long to build up the Sons of Veterans.

to foil relic hunters and morbid-minded

men, in the old penitentiary in the Arsenal grounds, but in 1869, by order of Presi-

dent Andrew Johnson, was delivered to Edwin Booth, who had it interred in the

family lot in Greenmount Cemetery, in Baltimore. Therefore, if there is any ba-

sis for the Enid suicide's confession

THE newspaper men who went to St. Louis to the dedication ceremonies express the greatest fears of that city being unable to handle the immense crowds which will certainly go to the Exposition in case the present prosperity continues. St. Louis has nothing like the hotel facilities that Chicago has, and it will be remembered that these were taxed to their utmost to provide for the crowds which present very poorly supplied with rail-roads, and it does not appear that any sufficient extension of the railroad system has been contemplated. It will be remem-bered that the Chicago grounds were placed convenient to a most astonishing



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Co. Q Selects a Place for the Wedding, and Proceeds to Preparations.

"Oh, yes! shouted Corp! Yawman, next-morning as Co. Q was finishing breakfast. "All the qualified voters of this here school district, except those detailed for guard and fatigue duty, the graph of the whole regiment, and finer than anything afraid I'd 've deserted on the spot."

"No. Si, I'd never let you do such an awful thing, nor would your mother and father. But I'm mighty glad you think I'm nicer than when you married me. I was a fraid I was looking all fagged out was a fraid I was looking all fagged out and run down." those detailed for guard and fatigue duty, are hereby notified to assemble at once in a mass meeting under that big live-oak on the other side of the parade ground. Business of great importance."

minds. As a matter of fact, no chain in progress in that matter. Another hen on

than that leading from Wilkes Booth's shouled the boys as they eagerly gather-crime to his final interment in Greenmount ed at the rendezvous. Yawman's fertility in supplying them with diversions was boundless, and they had a welcome ready for any suggestion

"You will find out after the meeting comes to order," replied Yawman, taking Maryland, stopping on the way at Surrattsville, for the carbines and whisky left there for him. He then went on toward Bryantown, Md., where he secured the spreading live-oak. "The Hon. Montgomery Scruggs, of Hoop-hole Township, will preside. Get up on that meat barrel, Monty, quick, and take my bayonet for a gavel. Now state the object of the meeting, and do it in one time and three motions, for we must get to work. "The meeting will come to order," shouted Monty, pounding on the barrel

with the bayonet. "The calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting will be dispensed "I object," shouted Sim. "Shut up, there, Sim," ordered Yaw

man.
"This is a meeting of free men, where every man has a right to speak his mind I understand." "Shut up, all the same, I say. We

haven't time to monkey with you."
"The objections are overruled," decided
Monty. "The object of this meeting is Monty. "The object of this meeting is to consider a proper place in which to hold the wedding of our friends. There is no church in the town big enough to hold a tenth of those who are anxious to attend. The Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds will

Committee was constituted," be gan Yawman in his most impressive of

cial manner.
"I object to the word 'constituted,'" shouted Sim Dickinsheets, "There's absolutely nothing constitutional about this blasted abolition crusade. It's all in vioence to it is an insult to any thinking

go to the Surgeon at sick call. Run along "He only done that from force of

habit. He wants to go up every time he hears sick call," growled Sam Plopper, who was even a more inveterate growler than Dickinsheets, but different from him in being always ready for duty, and un-sparing on all who were not. "He ain't no more sick than I am."

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"I'll wollog the head off you," shouted Dickinsheets, who had been the village bully at home, and who was always ready for fisticusts with the members of

batants, jammed Dickinsheets down on a log that served for a beuch, and then re-

sumed his report. "The Committee was constituted to consult with the parties to the marriage to play at anything sacred. I"—
as to where it should be held, and to properly decorate the church, but no church geant, coming up. "What are you doing could be found which would accommodate even a fraction of those who desired to attend, and the Committee has desired to have this meeting called that it might present a plan to them to meet this ob-

Monty.
"Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption and Yawof the Committee's report," said Yawman. "All those in favor of the adoption of

the Committee's report will signify by have anything to do with the Episcopal whom he loved as life itself must revolt saying aye," said Monty. The company roared out a volley of affirmatives.

"The contrary minded will say no," an- thinks "No," shouted out Sim Dickinsheets. "Weddings is no picnics. I believe it's contrary to the laws of Indiana to hold weddings out of doors, and I object."

have it, and it is so order-"The ayes have it, and it is so ordered," decided Monty.
"Now, boys, break for your tents, put on your fatigue clothes, and meet me down there at those oaks," said Yawman.

The Baptist Herald had a list of them that 'd been killed while trying to take care of the wounded, Father, and lots more who'd died in hospital. I guess

Yawman's suggestion was where the long branches of the 100-armed live-oaks, which had been vigorous growths when under his commission he had authority Columbus set sail, met high above the ground in the lofty arch of a perfect natural cathedral. It was an architecture far surpassing the proudest of hu-man hands—that of the wonderful forces of vegetable life, patiently working through the centuries toward imposing symmetry. No haste, no hurry. A thou-sand years were as a day in the tireless, endless adding of atom to atom, in sinuous curves and graceful volutes. The giant boles of the trees were symmetric col-

ever by Doric sculptor's chisel.

The live-oaks' luxuriant growth of oblong, evergreen shining leaves, hoary gray on the under side, made a groined ceiling, rising high into dim religious wilight, impenetrable to the sunlightalmost so to the rain. From lower limbs Maria and Annabel. In the middle of the floated spectral webs of Spanish moss, looking like ghosts of battle-flags, hung they sat for a little longer time each day up in triumph in an abbey, ages agone, in the big hickory rocking chairs, looked by warriors whose very battles had been over the active scenes in town and the forgotten. Or they were vapor-clouds from incense burned in that venerable temple on altars which had been overthrown when the world's centuries were few. Dim aisles led off between the colfew. Dim aisles led off between the col-umned trees to mysterious chancels and unknown cloisters. The foot fell upon a carpet of thick-growing violets, in lush Spring-time riot upon a bed of leaves drifting down thither for immemorial years, and into the great, cathedral-like vault came through every aisle between the trees zephyrs laden with the soft, elusive fragrance of the jasmin, and the the trees zephyrs laden with the soft, clusive fragrance of the jasmin, and the

picking up every stick and knot you can anxiously around.

find. Don't tramp over them johnny- "No; I just can't make myself believe

old. Just think how long we've bin mar-ried. Seems years. How long has it

ried. Seems years. How long has it actually bin, Si?"

"O, not a year yet. Le' see, that was in October, just before Sherman started on his march to the sea. October, Nevember, December, January, February, March—only a little over six months. And you're ten times purtier now than you you're ten times purtier now than you

was then."
"Law, Si, how can you say such a foolish thing?" she blushed, nestling closer

with some glib phrase for an excuse.

"Improve on it? Well, I should smile.
The Lord only gives a man a good start in anything. He must do the rest him self. Here, some of you boys start into



AND HIS BOOK, AND HIS RISIN' AND FALLIN'," SAID THE DEACON RUEFULLY.

ump-ups more'n you can help. We want it's all real and so. The flowers seem too 'em to look as bright and fresh as possible. Some of you start out and gather all the flowers and posies you can. We'll make this the front end of the church,

"Well, I can tell you that the sun is all the flowers and posies you can. We'll make this the front end of the church, and put up a big arch of flowers. Then make this the front end of the make this the front end of the church.

Sam Plopper, you go down to headquarters, and see if you can't get hold of a big garrison flag to hang up back there. Get all the flags you can. Pitch in, live is ly, boys, for we've a power of work to do, but we'll make this place an astonate of the brigade. The state of the brigade at the same at the state of the state of the brigade. The state of the brigade at the same as you are this minute. And, some as you are this minute. the company, though markedly adverse big garried to standing guard or falling into line of battle. "I felt so bad when I got up this battle. "I felt so bad when I got up this morning that I could searcely drag one morning that I could searcely drag one isher to the rest of the brigade. The morning that I will lick you if you

"I object to the whole business," shouted Sim Dickinsheets. "Nobody's got a license from the General Conference to start a church, and it's all out of order here? I thought you were dead anxious to go to sick call. Didn't you hear sick call blow just now?"

"O, bother sick call," answered Sim. pulling off his coat. "I'm going to help the boys here."
Sim Dickinsheets was not alone,

something. he explained why he had killed the Presi-dent, and a number of personal trinkets plan everybody's got to pull off their coats as to beautifying the place and making it which his friends recognized. All this made a chain of evidence which would be deemed sufficient in any court in Christendom. The body was interred secretly down what is before you," announced to the Cambittee's report, and you know what is before you," announced Kankakees. The Deacon and Mrs. Klegg Minister recently commissioned to the Kankakees. The Deacon and Mrs. Klegg had winced at this, but Maria's sadden-ing face, as they proceeded with their anxious discussion, overcame the Deacon, and he decided: "Well, Mother, I never did expect to

of Rome for me to have the slightest liking for them, but if Abraham Lincoln thinks this man is a good enough Chris-tian to send down to preach to and baptize and bury our soldiers, he ought to be good enough to marry our daughter. I don't see, though, what's become of all the Baptists who started out as Chap-lains."

more who'd died in hospital. I guess they've all been doing their duty quite as "I will show you what's to do, and after I have relieved the old guard I'll be with you and help. Everybody pitch in."

The place to which they all rushed at "If I thought they hadn't I'd take away "If I thought they hadn't I'd take away

> "No," decided Mrs. Klegg, Marin and Annabel in the same instant. "That'd be too much like being married by a Justice of the peace. It'd be legal but not respectable."
>
> "It's settled, then, that we take the

to perform the marriage ceremony, and that if we wanted him he'd be only too

Episcopalian preacher, with his robes, and his book, and his risin' and falling'" said the Deacon, rather ruefully. "Well, this is war-time, and we've got to stand lots of things that don't suit us. I guess I'll go and help the boys fix up."
Si and Shorty had now gotten well enough to leave their beds at times, and totter about a few steps, with the assis-

tance of canes, or the strong arms of Maria and Annabel. In the middle of the over the active scenes in town and the camps, and felt themselves once more part of the great world and the army. These were moments of rarest happiness to both the boys. It seemed as if they had never before seen or appreciated the beauty and worth of the priceless treasures which Fate had bestowed upon

and swear at myself for being such an impudent idiot to even dream such the country. Thus began the struggle bethings."

"No, dear. You aint dreaming at all. It is all really so, and I'm to be your wife forever and evermore, as sure as the sun rises to-morrow. Now, come, let me help rises to-morrow. you in, dear. You've staid out here as long as it's prudent, and I want to be sure that you'll be able to go with me to the church the boys are fixing up for —the—wedding." Maria blushed and tongue got tripped over the bold utterbuilt by hands.

And you aint sorry that we're going to be married this way, so far from your home and friends? It don't seem right for a girl like you to have things so rough and tumble. You're sure you won't be

Shorty's dim eyes looked pleadingly up in the blue ones bent upon him as Maria stood by his side, her hand resting on his thin shoulder, her face full of tender ern for the man she loved devotedly. The big soldier was as a baby in strength, and he realized his weakness and helplessness, it seemed to him that the strong, healthful nature of the sweet woman whom he loved as life itself must revolt as he was.

Maria put her strong white hands un-

der Shorty's arms and lifted him gently to his feet, when, stooped as he was, he towered above her. "There, Will," she said with a loving pat of the bony hands on the cane he leaned upon, "I am looking up at you now, and I always shall. If I am ever sorry, you will have to do something to make me so. If you was well and strong. I'd be the happiest womweil and strong. It be the Saphasa an on earth. Never ask me a question like that again, Will. I love you; aint that enough? Now, come!" and imperiously, Maria led him into the hospital.

Harry Joslyn was fully as eager as the rest to do something especially noteworthy toward the wedding. He had read that toward the wedding. He had read that orange-blossoms were highly prized for the bride, and he determined to get some for Maria. He had been told at Savan-nah that the orange bloomed all the year around, and though this was far north, he had hopes that he would some of the wild oranges which grew in ly in Servia. profusion about the town greeting the Spring with their bloom. He set out reolved to have some if they were to be ound anywhere. He forgot when he started out that he

was carrying the precious diamond ring, purchased with his comrades' money. Nor did he notice that he was being and followed by three or four of the riff-raff from around the division train. The tory of what Co. Q had done had spread brough the camp, and many knew that the valuable ring was in Harry's posses-sion. One blossoming thicket after an-other allured him on, until, before he knew it, he was a couple of miles from camp, and quite a distance from any of the usually traveled roads.

Then he noticed the men coming in different directions over the rise behind him, all seeming to trend toward him wondered what they were out for, and then remembered the ring, and abused the beauty and worth of the priceless treasures which Fate had bestowed upon them.

"You're an awful sight purtler than you used to be Annabel, aint you?" Si asked, after a quarter of an hour's close and speechless study of the sweet girl by his side.

"Why law as St." In the priceless thin self for not having left it with Alf or Monty. But right ahead of him was a clump of sure-enough wild oranges, in full bud, with a few blossoms beginning to open. He rushed at them, and was just reaching up when he heard a crackling up when he heard a crackling up when he had turning, saw the ruffianly camp-followers closing in upon him. His first impulse was the trees zephyrs laden with the soft, clusive fragrance of the jasmin, and the sensuous, overspowering incense from the opening magnelias.

by his side.

"Why, law no, Si," answered the blushing girl. "I aint nearly so pretty as I used to be. Of course not. I'm an old "Why, this is a church itself—the married woman, now. Getting awfully as if to run. He draw out the ring in influence to secure his reinstatement.

its paper covering, and turning over his head to conceal his act, covertly dropped the ring into the soft leaf-mold at his feet, and the next instant, kicked some of the

mold over it.

Seeing that he did not draw a revolver,

the men rushed at him.

"Give up that ring at once, young feller, without no trouble, and we won't hurt you," said the leader.

"I haven't got the ring," said Harry, striking at the leader with a dead limb he snatched up. "Clear out of here, and let me alone, or I'll break your heads,

you thieving mule-skinners."

His blow was dodged, and before he could strike again his arm was caught by one of them who had, as he expressed it, "outflanked" him.

He was thrown to the ground, and the ruffians began tearing off his clothes, in frantic search for the ring. (To be continued.)

SERVIA:

Servia, the scene of the recent violent change of Government, which reminds us of the barbarous times of the Dark Ages, is one of the little countries which for centuries were grouped under the name of "the Danubian Principalities." It is a mountainous country, stretching for about 140 miles from Hungary along the Danube, and has an area of 18,754 square miles, almost exactly that of Vermont and New Hampshire combined, or half that of Indiana. The population in 1894 was 2,256,084, or about 118 to the square

These are almost wholly engaged in a rude, primitive system of agriculture, their main product being hogs, which are fattened on the acorns in the forests and marketed in Hungary. They also raise great numbers of cattle and sheep, and export a considerable quantity of dried plums, with some other fruits.

While the people are very backward in their agriculture, they are still nearly all land owners, each having a little piece of ground, so that there are no paupers and no asylums. As to race, they are mainly Slavs, with a very few Germans, Albanians, Turks and Jews among them, Their principal town is Belgrade, the capital. It has 54,249 inhabitants.

In religion they are fanatical Greek Catholics, and have an aversion to the Roman Catholies only equalled by their hatred for Mahometanism. They are part of that wonderful Slavic immigration which early in the Christian era spread over Eastern Europe, largely by the fecundity of the people rather than by conquest. They became nominal Christions in the seventh century, accepting the doctrines and church government of Constantinople and giving more or less political allegiance to the Government The Turks took the country in 1389, or

nearly 100 years before they captured Constantinople, and for three centuries ruled the country with a rod of iron, murdering or driving out of the country the principal families and taking off every year the best young men to serve in the janizaries. In 1804, under the leadership of Karageorge, a rich hog-raiser, the people rose and drove the Turks out of their country and began a savage war, in which they gained virtual independence, though this was not accomplished until 1829. The country was recognized as part of the Turkish Empire with a Prince at the head as Viceroy, though it was allowed to manage its own internal

affairs. Then began struggles among them selves as to who should rule the country. Karageorge had been driven out of the country during the war and Milosh Obrenovich, a swineherd, took chief command of the army and won eventual sucassassinated and declared himself ruler of tween the Karageorge and the Obrenovich families which has disturbed the country ever since, and last week resulted in the elevation of the head of the Karageorge family to the throne made vacant by the assassination of the head of

the Obrenoviches. The Obrenovich family has generally been successful, though one or two members of the Karageorge family have succeeded in reaching the throne. Every few years has been marked by the assassination of the leader of one faction or the other, and these have been accom-

panied by murders of minor leaders. The greatest of the Obrenoviches was Michael, who ascended to the throne in 1861, and gave the country the best administration it had ever had until he was assassinated by the partisans of the

Karageorge faction in 1868. The Treaty of Berlin in 1878 made Servia completely independent, and threw her as a football into the contention among those who were trying to gain the control of Constantinople and the Turkish Empire.

Alexander I, the King who was so orutally murdered with his Queen last week by the partisans of the Karageorge faction, was the fifth of the Obrenovich dynasty, and ascended the throne March 6, 1889, upon the forced abdication of his father, King Milan, whose worthlessness and profligacy forced him from the throne. Alexander was represented to have been as vicious and corrupt as his father, and the opposition to him was greatly strengthened by his marriage in August, 1900, with Mme. Draga Machin, the widow of a Russian Colonel. She made herself especially obnoxious by her cruel persecution of those who had been her enemies and opposed her marriage. She was also desperately eager to advance the fortunes of her family, which seem to have not been regarded very high-

The assassination was accomplished with a ruthless brutality such as the world has hardly seen since the middle ages, but the people of Servia have not advanced for centuries and are living substantially as their forefathers did 500 vears ago.

Of course this is not the end. There is hardly a doubt that it will not be long until the Obrenovich faction gains sufficient head to deal out to the Karageorge faction the same measure of brutal ven-

THE Department of Kansas in Annual Encampment assembled adopted a series of resolutions reciting the facts in the himself for not having left it with Alf or Hanback case, and earnestly requested his Monty. But right ahead of him was a reinstatement in the Pension Bureau. It is asserted that his dismissal was a violajust tion of the Civil Service laws, since he was dismissed without notice and without being given an opportunity to defend himself from mere flippant allegations and if the Senators and Representatives from Kansas were requested to use all their